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Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 9, 2005, **KEVIN NOLAN PHILLIPPE**, age 22, of Robinson, Illinois, was named in a one count Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois.

The indictment charged that PHILLIPPE did knowingly transport and ship in interstate or foreign commerce by use of a computer two images of child pornography.

PHILLIPPE faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of supervised release of up to 4 years.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Robinson Police Department, the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, the Carbondale Police Department, and the Marion Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.

The United States Attorney's Office, in conjunction with federal and state law enforcement authorities, is actively investigating and prosecuting individuals who produce, distribute, or possess child pornography. Anyone with information concerning the use of the Internet for the purposes of possessing, producing, or trafficking in child pornography is encouraged to contact their local police department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.